

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## 16th/17th December 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Dec 16th	Clooney 7.00pm	Patrick Liddy, Muckinish	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun Dec 17th	Maghera 9.30am	James Corbett, Maghera	Mary Whelan	Catherine O'Halloran	
Sun Dec 17th	Quin 11am	Carmel Cunningham & her father Morty Cunningham, Knocknagogue; May, Jack & Tom Leyden, Ballyhannon; John O'Halloran, Quin Village	Pauline Hogan & Pat Philip	Pat Philips	Kay O'Shaughnessy & Antoinette Leamy
Sat Dec 23rd	Clooney 7.00pm	Marie Walsh, Clooney	Chris Quigney	Orla Considine	
Sun Dec 24th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Mary Heffernan	Mary Casey	
Sun Dec 24th	Quin 11am	No Intention	Deirdre Meaney & Colette Colleran	Joseph Quinlivan	Annette Egan & Claire Duggan
Thurs Dec. 28th	Quin 10am	Elizabeth and Michael Hogan, Knappogue			
Fri. Dec. 29th	Quin 10am	Pat & Maureen Reynolds & Mae O'Connor, Ballyhannon			

**Daily Mass:** Mon - Fri 10am St Mary's Church Quin.

**Rest in Peace:** Your Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Nora McCusker, Arbutus Grove who died during the week.

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount collected €1360. The Parish Council thank you for your weekly contributions for the upkeep of the Parish. Contributions can also be left in the parish office or alternatively you can use the Donate Button on the Killaloe Diocese website. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Children's Liturgy:** 17th Dec. Team 6 - Rachel Lynch, Johanne Nihill & Anna Corry; 24th Dec - No Children's Liturgy

**Recent Baptisms:** We welcome to the Christian Community Ella Mai Richardson who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Updated Readers and Eucharistic Minister Listings- Quin:** We thank all the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers who volunteer each Sunday. Up to date lists are now available for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Quin Church for 2024. Sheets are available in the Church Sacristy. Please collect after Mass.

**Thank you:** The priests of the Abbey Pastoral Area who serve in the parish thank you for your generosity to their Christmas Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot, your contribution would still be very much welcome.

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** Fr Tom will visit the sick and housebound during the week with the sacraments. If any parishioner wishes to receive sacraments at home, please contact Fr Tom on 087 2349816

### **Christmas Mass Times:**

- Normal weekend Mass times for the fourth Sunday of Advent.
- Saturday 23rd December - 7pm St John XXIII Church, Clooney.
- Sunday 24th December - 9.30am St Stephen's Church.
- Maghera - 11am St Mary's Church Quin.
- Christmas Eve -7pm St John XXIII Church, Clooney - 7.30pm St Mary's Church Quin.
- Christmas morning - 9.30am St Stephen's Church Maghera - 11am St Mary's Church Quin

**Giving Tree:** Unfortunately this year we will not be able to facilitate our annual 'Giving Tree' whereby parishioners donate food items to families in need at Christmas Time. If however you would like to donate money or vouchers for food stores you can do so by placing them in an envelope and dropping them to the Parish house or place your donation in an envelope marked Clarecare in the box at the front of our Churches. Last year vouchers were distributed to 158 families by Clarecare. All money/vouchers donated will be given to families in need via Clarecare.

**Feast of St Flannan:** This Monday 18th December is the feast of St Flannan, our Diocesan Patron Saint. Bishop Fintan and the priests of the Diocese will gather in the Cathedral at 1pm on Monday to celebrate Mass , marking the feast . All are welcome

**Ecumenical Carol Service:** The annual Carol Service for the Abbey Pastoral Area takes place on Sunday next 17th December in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join the combined choirs of Ennis Parish and Ennis Brass Band.

**Church Gate Collection:** Sunday the 24th of December for mass at 11am and 7.30pm. All proceeds in aid of Scoil na Mainistreach, Quin. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Reconciliation Service:** The opportunity of individual confession in preparation for Christmas will be available at the Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service to be held on Monday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Extra priests will be available on the night.

**Bambenelli Sunday:** We invite you to bring your figure of baby Jesus to Mass next weekend for a blessing of the baby Jesus figure. This tradition known as Bambenelli Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him

**Festival of Cribs:** Next weekend on Saturday and Sunday St Brigid's Church Liscannor will hold their annual Advent Festival of Cribs with over 500 Cribs from all over the World on display. Admission is free and it is very well worth visiting.

**SVP Annual Appeal:** Many Families will face impossible choices this Christmas. You can help. Please support the SVP Annual Appeal by giving locally. Ways to donate: Online:<https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/clare-christmas-appeal-2023/> By phone: 0818 176 176 and nominate your local area By post: to SVP, Vincent's Shop, 86 Parnell Street, Ennis. Cheques made payable to 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' and nominate your local area. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity

**Abbey Franciscan Church Galway:** If you are in Galway, why not visit the Abbey Church, near the Cathedral in Galway for the Festival of Cribs which takes place from December 8th to January 8th 2024.

**Taekwondo Split the pot :** Total Pot €136. Congratulations to this weeks Split the Pot winner Haulie Hannon, who wins €68. Next draw takes place on Tuesday December 19th. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, Quin Post Office & A Taste of Quin. Christmas Hampers on sale in all the businesses, Lines €2, draws will take place on / By December 20th.

**GAA Lotto Draw:** 14th December 2023. Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 11; 20; 29; 31. No winner. €40 winners: Claire Ryan, Ballyhickey; Con McInerney, Ballycar; Michael Culligan, Corbally; Siobhan Morris, Dangan; Joe & Breeda Daffy, Clooney. Next draw Clubhouse 21st December 2023. Jackpot: €20,000. Christmas special. Three vouchers worth €100 plus "Win a house in Ennis" tickets worth €100. Next weeks draw if jackpot not won. Tickets available online [www.clooneyquingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyquingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Crowes, Quin Post Office, and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm. We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

**Thought for the Week:** *We can only do so much, so we have to do it where it counts and where it will go the furthest and accomplish the most*